Melvin Palma November 2, 2020 Alexandria, VA 22303

SIXTH AMENDMENT

The Honorable Rossie D. Alston Jr.

Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

401 Courthouse Square, Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Honorable Judge Rossie D. Alston Jr.,

I'm writing to you today because my rights as an American citizen have been violated and I have suffered from ineffective counseling. This is due to the fact my attorney has been deceitful to my family and I. The information and legal counsel that has been provided thus far have lacked in communication and accuracy. For example, my attorney made me waive my speedy trial right without explaining to me how it could be detrimental to probing my case but it also postponed my ability to prove my innocence in a timely manner.

Justice delayed is justice denied. I have also been peered pressured into taking a plea deal even though I have strongly emphasized I wanted to go to trial in order to prove my innocence. This is due to the facts I have previously stated which these cause a conflict of interest on my behalf that harms the integrity of my case. If my attorney can't be trustworthy, honest to me and does not have the best interest at heart to begin with, then it jeopardizes my right to have a fair trial. As a result, I will not get the legal representation that I'm entitled to and deserved as a United States citizen.

With this being said, I humbly and respectfully ask you to allow that Mr. Robert Jenkins be assigned to represent me as my new attorney. We have already been in communication with each other and he has agreed to represent me as long as you grant this petition.

Respectfully yours,

Melvin Palma

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